

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

KILLING AT GLADY

Lumbermen shot by dogs. Beer bottles, stones, axes and butcher knives were the implements of war in a running duel of bitter words and threats between John Mapes, Dan Lary and James Hawks, lumbermen and a party of Italians headed by John...

From all the information obtainable, the fight had its inception in Italian hot-headedness. Hawks, Mapes and Lary on their way to the depot at Gladly were jesting with one another in rather rough language. Frequently punctuated with profanity, but still in good nature...

The Reason Why. The old county records in Fayette county contain some very interesting and original entries, some of which are being brought to light by diligent searchers.

For Another Court. Owing to the large increase of cases in the supreme court in the past year, sentiment is growing for an intermediate court of limited jurisdiction.

Dismal Swamp Boiling. A volcanic disturbance of considerable proportions occurred late Saturday night on the edge of Dismal Swamp between Richmond and Norfolk.

His hand was very unsteady, too, I lost faith in him on the start when he cut off a mole under my chin and threw it into the spittoon.

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The Mable Sugar Crop

The maple sugar crop of Highland county, Va., this season, aggregates 92,553 pounds of sugar and 4,840 gallons of syrup.

The peculiarities and contingencies of the sugar-making business are that no amount of foresight, sagacity or good management can determine the success of any season.

It is no'worthy to remark that the large returns came from camps where modern evaporators were placed by means of which the excessive flow of sap was utilized.

The first whiff I took of this man's breath, I knew that he was ruin's monarch.

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Thoughts on Work

Not long since, I was interested in noticing what the celebrated Charles Lamb had to say about working for a living.

While employed as a clerk in a business house, he came to dislike his work so much, that he was about finding out how working for a livelihood came to be invented.

Who invented work, was evidently a very live question with him. From what he writes about his clerkship drudgery, it would seem that he was very certain that he had the worst of it for his share of work.

Work seems to him, to have no use for the green fields, but as places for plowing, digging, sowing, mowing and reaping. And as to towns, work is no use for them, except as places for running looms, beating anvils and for what he felt to be worst and hardest of all, to use yard stick and pen as a store clerk, over the counter's deadwood.

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Down on the Farm

We all have a longing for the simpler life in the spring. The desire to get back on the farm is stronger than at any other season, except in summer when the house is hot, and in the fall when things are getting ripe and in winter when there is snow on the ground and nothing to do but cut wood, feed the stock, and get ready for the busy spring work.

Those who actually got down and those who merely longed for it when the heat faded in the sun-shine, and quitting time seemed like it would never come, are still a little leary of the farm, and give a qualified answer when asked if they don't wish they were free and independent once again.

Distance gives some enchantment but remembrance of that July day in midsummer when the big cornfield must be laid by in order that hay harvest may be commenced, still lingers in the memory.

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A Picturesque Literary Character

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As a general thing his name was odious to most of the best elements of our citizenship impression that his influence was for ineligibility and tainted morality in society relations.

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The Biter Stung

That able citizen and captain of industry, the late Charles T. Yerkes, sold certain gentlemen of Chicago and New York a very large gold brick known as the Union Traction Company of Chicago.

He then departed for London, and when the purchasers of the gold brick had got off the elaborate tin-foil wrappings he was busily engaged in "developing the resources" of the English metropolis.

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From Oklahoma

I went to church today, to the place called by the name of the church of my fathers. As I stood within the walls, upon this land of rich plains, I could not help wondering if it could endure in this land of ease and worldly prosperity; I could not help thinking of past history, how for hundreds of years it had hugged the tops of rugged mountains and fought the unequal battle of the few against the many.

How its doctrines descended from those rugged heights upon the cities and plains of Europe, when she gave hosts of men to the cause she believed to be true and right.

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Where the Pennies Go

Those newspapers that put a dollar in circulation, and then from day to day, tell among whom it circulated, cannot be relied on for a strict account of its travels.

It reminds us of the story of the dialogue between the quarter and the penny lying in the money drawer. The quarter looked down on the cent, and refused to associate with it throwing up to it that it was the smallest piece of money to which Uncle Sam puts his signature.

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